

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2919–S2989

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 555–566, and S. Res. 72–73. **Pages S2964–65**

Measures Passed:

Omnibus Appropriations Act: Senate passed H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2920–54**

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 90) Cornyn Amendment No. 673, to prevent the collection of excessive contingency legal fees by lawyers hired to protect the public interest. **Pages S2920–21, S2922–23, S2941**

By 38 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 91) Cornyn Amendment No. 674, to prohibit the use of funds to implement an Executive Order relating to employee notice of rights under Federal labor laws. **Pages S2921–22, S2936, S2941–42**

By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 92) Thune (and others) Amendment No. 662, to prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Communications Commission to repromulgate the Fairness Doctrine. **Pages S2931–32, S2935–36, S2942**

Sessions Amendment No. 604, to extend the pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation established in title IV of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 for 6 years. (By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 93), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2920, S2924, S2936, S2937–38, S2942–44**

By 39 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 94) Ensign Amendment No. 615, to strike the restrictions on the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program. **Pages S2920, S2927–30, S2936–37, S2939–40, S2944–45**

Grassley (for Vitter and others) Amendment No. 621, to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress. (By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 95), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2924, S2946–47**

Withdrawn:

Kyl Amendment No. 629, to provide that no funds may be used to resettle Palestinians from Gaza into the United States. **Pages S2920, S2927**

Bunning Amendment No. 665, to require the Secretary of State to issue a report on investments by foreign companies in the energy sector of Iran. **Pages S2920, S2940**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 96), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S2953–54**

Authorizing Expenditures by Committees of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, and October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, and October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011. **Pages S2954–60**

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105, (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149, (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105–275, (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by S. Res. 75, (adopted March 25, 1999), and S. Res. 383, (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355, (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480, (adopted November 21, 2004), the appointment of the following Senator as a member of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 111th Congress: Senator Graham. **Page S2986**